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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos. One.

Part B for May 1944

SUBJECT

'Re: The interrelation between the Village Panchayats and State Officials & its working in State

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The Secy. to the Hon'ble The Resident in Mysore Bangalore.

Pol 241/46 dated 22-5-44.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the correspondence ending with your letter No. A.1 [illegible] dated 4th April 1944 regarding the question of the relations between the Village Panchayats and the State Officials and to say that the Government of India have now decided that the following principles should be observed in regard to the relations between the Village Panchayats and the State Officials:-

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WD D.O.No.Pol.15-44 Bangalore, 11th April 1944.
11/4/44 6663

REFORMS IN INDIAN STATES [illegible]
OF THE PANCHAYAT SYSTEM

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR L. S. G. & P. H. Date. 26.4.44 No. 7345

My dear Vedavyasacharya,

I am desired to state that the Secretary of State has asked for an appreciation of the value, as shown by experience, of the panchayat system in Indian States. He would be specially interested to know whether panchayats tend to increase good relations between State officials and the population, or merely to make the latter more vocally critical of the former; and whether in fact they make for collaboration or for irresponsible criticism.

2. The Hon'ble the Resident would be glad to have the confidential views of the Mysore Government on these points.

Yours sincerely
A. R. Boake

V. Vedavyasacharya, Esq., M.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

1) Submit to Dewan. Min & SG
2) Dewan
WD 11/4/44
3) [illegible] 11/4/44
4) Law Sec w/cenote
WD 27/4/44
5) WD 27/4/44
6) Mr. KRS. Pl put up a draft letter to the Resident confidentially for a note within a week.
Dewan 28/4/44
7) Submitted with a draft D.O. letter to the R.C.
KRS 27/4/44
8) Dewan
Law Secy for Dewan 28/4/44
9) Sec 29.4.44
10) Immediate
Dewan 29/4/44

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Information required by the Residency in connection with the working of the Village panchayats in the State

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The Res. Coorg
No L 11013 d 29-4-44
Calls for a report Secs A

Letter no A-S-6914/43-44 from dated 5-5-44 from the Res. Coorg in Mysore furnishing a report on the Subject

1) The report of the R.C is for perusal. × P.24-D
Submitted with a draft D.O. letter to the Secy to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore (Refce para 2 supra)

Kurs 9/5/44

(2) In appl
Lawley 9/5/44

(3) May be forwarded, by post
to Coorg D.C.C

10/5/44

(4) T.S. pl type a copy in half margin size
9/5/44.

5 A: typed draft is put up as directed.
Draft 10.5.44
Kurs 11/5/44
Lawley 11/5/44

6) Submitted for
approval

Number 2-5-44
to Coorg

12-5-44
Sec H.C.
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GOVT OF E. & J. CO. Fo L S. G. & F H. Date. 13.5.44 No. 7920

they make for collaboration or
for irresponsible criticism.

I am to request you kindly
to furnish your views on the above points
for enabling the Govt to furnish very early
a reply to the Residency.

This may kindly be treated as important,
deserving your personal attention. The reply
may be kindly sent to this office on or before
the 5th May 1944 positively

Yours Sincerely

To
Rajasevaprasakthi
M. Sheshadri
A.C

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SUBJECT.....

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Section

File No.

Serial No.

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

20 No. L 11013

To

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Dear Sir,

I am desired to state that a note has been asked for from the Residency in regard to the appreciation of the value as shown by experience, of the working of the village Panchayet System ~~obtaining~~ in the Mysore State, especially on the following points:-

1) Whether Panchayets tend to increase good relations between the State officials and the population or merely to make the latter more vocally critical of the former and 2) Whether in fact

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Signed by.....

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Codied by.....

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as, the Rural Water Supply Scheme, Inter Village Communications and Five Year Plan of Rural Reconstruction recently inaugurated by Government. Most of the Panchayets have been managing their local affairs satisfactorily and - - - instances of supersession of Panchayets for incompetency, default or abuse of powers are very rare. The public in general are taking interest in the Panchayet Administration and have come forward with munificient donations for the construction of Dispensaries, Maternity Homes, Schools, Roads and other works of Public Utility in rural areas. Instances of friction between Local Officers and the Village Panchayets are very rare. Past experience has shown that the Scheme has definitely tended to promote good relations between the officials and the people resulting in greater collaboration on the part of the people in working the Schemes adopted by Government for their betterment.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Revenue Commissioner.

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'IMMEDIATE'

OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE.

No. A.5.6914/43-44.

Dated, Bangalore, 5th May 1944.

To

C. Narayanaswami Naidu, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Legal Remembrancer and Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Law Department,
Bangalore.

GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT. 7017 9 MAY 1944 L. S. G. BRANCH.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. L.11013/V-P. dated the 29th April 1944, regarding the appreciation of the value of the working of the Village Panchayet System, I have the honour to state that, it is a little over 17 years since the Village Panchayet Act came into force in the State, and during this period 12,068 Panchayets have been constituted. A large majority of them have become accustomed to holding meetings, levying Taxes, preparing annual Budgets and undertaking small works of local utility. This may be regarded as the minimum level of performance attained by the least active bodies. But the more advanced Panchayets - their number is considerable in the Maidan Districts - have reached a much higher standard and shown varied activities by constructing Drinking Water Wells, Approach Roads and Village Halls, arranging for Medical Aid, Street Lighting and Village Scavenging and providing Village Libraries and other amenities. A number of Village Panchayets is levying optional Taxes in order to help them to carry out their self-imposed additional duties. The weekly tidying up of Village Sites is also a feature of the work of the more active Panchayets. In some cases several miles of Inter Village Roads have been built by the concerted action of the Panchayets under the guidance of energetic Amildars.

2. A retrospect on the working of the Village Panchayets in the State shows that there has been good response from them as also from the rural population in the various ameliorative measures adopted by Government from time to time such as,

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that there has been good response from them as also from the rural population in the various ameliorative measures adopted by Government from time to time, such as, the Rural Water Supply Scheme, Inter Village Communications Scheme, and the Five Year Plan of Rural Reconstruction which has been recently inaugurated by the Government. Most of the Panchayets have been managing their local affairs satisfactorily and instances of supersession of Panchayets for incompetency, default or abuse of powers are very rare. Instances of friction between the local officers and the Village Panchayets are ~~rare too and~~ negligible. Past experience has shown that the working of the Panchayets has definitely tended to promote good relations between the officials and the people, resulting in greater collaboration on the part of the people in working out the schemes adopted by the Government. The Village Panchayets are really sharing with the Government the responsibility of providing amenities in the rural areas and are gradually gaining importance by their useful work and good relations with the officers of the Government.

Yours sincerely,

12/5/47

A.E.Drake, Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore.

KRS.

D.O.No. 56-44-3

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Pol 241-87

D. 22nd May 1944

Dear Sir,

With reference to your D.O.letter No.Pol.15-44 dated the 11th April 1944 regarding the appreciation of the value of the working of the Village Panchayet System in the State, I am desired to state as follows:-

Signed by me
C.N.Naidu

The Mysore Village Panchayet Act was promulgated in the year 1926, and since then, 12,068 Panchayets have been constituted. A large majority of them have become accustomed to holding meetings, levying taxes, preparing annual budgets and undertaking small works of local utility. The more advanced Panchayets have shown varied activities by constructing drinking water wells, approach roads and village halls, arranging for medical aid, street lighting and village scavenging and providing village libraries and such other amenities. Many of the Panch yets evince keen interest in the weekly tidying up of villages. In some cases, several miles of inter-village roads have been formed by the concerted action of the Panchayets under the guidance of the local officers.

A retrospect on the working of the Village Panchayets in the State shows that